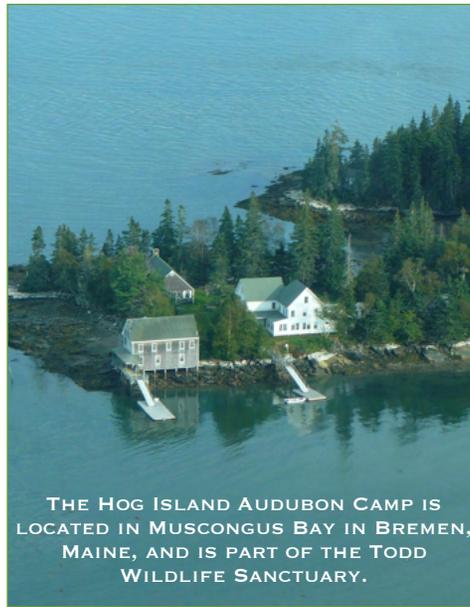


FOHI VOLUNTEER MOMENTS



THE HOG ISLAND AUDUBON CAMP IS LOCATED IN MUSCONGUS BAY IN BREMEN, MAINE, AND IS PART OF THE TODD WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.

ABOUT FRIENDS OF HOG ISLAND

Friends of Hog Island (FOHI) received its 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization status in March 2011. It is made up of camp alumni, staff and former staff, and friends. Its mission is to preserve the legacy and support the conservation and nature programs and activities of Hog Island.

FOHI supports the Audubon Camp by providing volunteers, raising annual supplementary income, and raising an endowment, among other things.

Become part of the FOHI family and volunteer.

Visit our website for more information on volunteering and to sign up.



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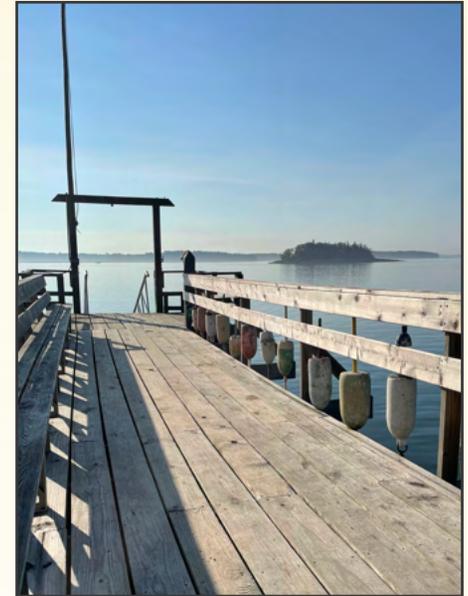


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Audubon Camp in Maine



WELCOME!

Welcome and thank you for thinking of giving generously of your time to volunteer at Hog Island. We promise that despite the hard work, you will make wonderful memories of your stay on this magical island: the laughter, the staff, the campers, the sounds, the scenery, the sunsets, the fog, the lobster boats, the birds, the new friends, the food — all will become part of you.



FOHI volunteers make it all happen!



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

All volunteers are provided meals, shared accommodation, parking, and time to participate in a program field trip, space allowing. Volunteers are free to attend the evening lectures on island. We are on an island, so being flexible is key. A typical day starts around 5:30 a.m. with coffee and ends about 9:30 p.m. after an evening lecture. It's a long day full of excitement, energy, and learning for campers and volunteers alike. Days are shorter and more flexible during FOHI workweeks.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

During camp sessions — Volunteers work as a team to carry out tasks that make the camp hum — everyone works in the kitchen. Tasks fall into three main areas while the camp is in session: Kitchen, Housekeeping, and Grounds and Building Maintenance. Other opportunities may exist with FOHI administrative tasks — throughout the year. Our *FOHI Volunteer Handbook* describes all the FOHI tasks at camp.

Kitchen — This is the heart of the camp and the most hectic. Long-lasting friendships form as you become part of a high-performing team. You'll help our chef prepare and serve meals, and do dishes, pots, and pans; clean and set the outdoor dining and buffet tables for each meal and make sure that coffee and water are available.

Housekeeping — The main tasks are to daily sanitize and clean the bathroom facilities, sweep common areas in the buildings and generally see that the dorms look spiffy. Usually, a team of two is assigned a building to clean for the week. At the end of the week, everyone helps with

turnover for the next camp session, cleaning rooms, making beds, etc.

Grounds and Building Maintenance — Keeping the buildings in good shape saves money in the long run, so we try to keep on top of repairs while campers are off island. Light carpentry, painting, gardening, trail maintenance, and general repairs continue throughout the season. Time and skills permitting, volunteers will work with the Hog Island facilities manager and may do some boat maintenance.



camp for the winter. Skilled volunteers are really welcome during these times as a lot of repairs require skills, e.g., carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc. These weeks are hard work, but lots of fun, and volunteers have time to relax and enjoy the beauty of the island. Daily schedules are flexible and varied. A sunset sail or trip around Eastern Egg Rock is often included, weather permitting.

During the spring and fall FOHI workweeks only volunteers are on the island. One workweek is in May to open the camp for campers. The second is in September and closes the

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

After the FOHI volunteer coordinator brings you by boat to the island, you are assigned a room. Then you take your bags and settle in. When all volunteers have arrived, the FOHI volunteer coordinator, will greet you and have a short orientation meeting with all the volunteers for that session and assign tasks. Many volunteers are repeaters; others are newcomers. If you're coming for a FOHI workweek, the same will apply except that tasks are posted on a "To-Do and Ta-Da" board. As each task is selected, it gradually moves to the Ta-Da" side of the board. If it is your first time to the island, we'll take you on a short tour to familiarize you with the buildings and where to find things.



WHY BE A FOHI VOLUNTEER?

There are many reasons to be a FOHI volunteer. Foremost is that you are helping the camp be sustainable — the main goal of FOHI. You will make life-long friends and spend time with leading ornithologists and conservation experts that you could not do elsewhere.

Depending on weather and time of year, you may see Atlantic Puffins and Roseate and Arctic Terns and go on field trips, space permitting. You will learn new skills, eat great food, be part of a living history, laugh a lot, work hard and feel good as part of a team. You'll fall in love with the island.

You'll forever be part of the fabulous FOHI volunteer team that rocks!

